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CHRISTMAS CONCERT - (Top) Doc Walker performs during the Canadian Pacific Holiday Train's visit to Didsbury last Wednesday. (Bottom left) Children react to seeing Santa Claus step off the train during the festivities. (Bottom right) A young girl is awestruck at the sight of Santa Claus during the festivities. Turn to page 17 for the full story.

Council considers support of Tri-Community Transit

BY KEVIN VINK
Review Staff

The Tri-Community Transit bus system may be getting another year's worth of funding from town council, according to officials.

Mayor Brian Wittal said, judging from the usage statistics that he has seen so far, supporting the pilot project for another year seems like a worthwhile endeavour.

"When I look at the program and see where we're sitting here (for usage), we're not bad. Carstairs is definitely getting some good utilization of it, Cremona to some degree, and the county is too."

According to usage statistics that he has received, which date from Feb. this year to the end of Nov., a total of 153 trips have been taken by users.

The report indicates that 71 trips have been taken by Carstairs residents, 33 by Cremona residents, 30 by Didsbury residents, and 19 by Mountain View County residents.

Medical trips were the most common, with 69 instances, followed by leisure and personal trips, accounting for 26 and 27 trips, respectively.

A total of 8,562 kilometres have been travelled through the program, and Wittal said that if the statistics are any indication, usage is going to go up from here. "It looks like it's a service that people are going to use," he said.

"With any startup program, it's awareness, getting people used to it, understanding what it's all about, and how they can use it. I think that there's definitely some merit there, looking at these numbers. I

think that I could support putting \$5,000 into it for another year."

The more people using the bus, the better the system will work, not just because of costs, but for the sake of efficiency, he noted.

"I think it's definitely worth investigating further and when I look at those numbers right now, from what I'm seeing there, I guess we are getting some usage. Five thousand dollars to continue that and see if we can build on it is probably not a bad investment."

The Tri-Community Transit initiative began last year when officials from the communities of Carstairs, Didsbury and Cremona recognized current modes of transportation available to regional residents were insufficient to meet growing needs, notably in getting citizens to

Airdrie and Calgary for important medical appointments.

The three communities formed steering and advisory committees and Crossfield's Rocky View Regional Handibus Society (RVRHS) was contacted.

The RVRHS, which has a 31-year history servicing six municipalities and two school boards, provides a handibus, along with dispatch and booking services. The service also includes operations supervision, and has an 800 contact number, statistics tracking software and a link to its website (www.rockyviewbus.ca).

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DEKE OUT - A Westglen student plays keep-away at a basketball tournament at Olds High School last weekend.

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Antifreeze warning

Recently, Didsbury RCMP investigated the alleged poisoning of two area dogs. The dogs died from ingesting ethylene glycol, or antifreeze, according to Cpl. Warren Wright. "There was an investigation and there is no evidence to say somebody intentionally did it, so we're ruling it as accidental," said Wright.

Vehicle owners should be careful when summerizing or winterizing their vehicles, he noted, and should dispose of chemicals in a safe and environmentally-friendly manner, to ensure that no pets or stray animals can get into them. "It's a sweet taste and sweet smell, so they're naturally attracted to it. But even a tablespoon would kill a medium-sized

dog," he added.

Car prowlings

Police are once again reminding drivers to lock their vehicles after two thefts between Wednesday, Dec. 12 and the next day were reported to police.

In one case, Wright said a purse was stolen, and in both cases, the vehicles were left unlocked and unattended on Killdeer Close. Wright noted that the key is to just get into the habit of locking your vehicle. That way, he said the chances of an individual committing a crime of opportunity lower dramatically.

The investigation is ongoing, he noted, and if anyone has any information concerning these

crimes, he encourages them to contact the Didsbury RCMP or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Vandalism

Between late Friday night, Dec. 7, and the following morning, police received a report that the window of a business had been broken.

The business is on the 200 block of 17 Avenue, and Wright noted that entrance was not gained, and there are no suspects at this point, though the investigation is ongoing.

Licence plate stolen

Between Dec. 11 and Dec. 12, a licence plate was stolen from a white Ford F-250, according to Wright.

The plate number is BHL-5994, and was stolen while the truck was parked on 7 Avenue and 23 Street, said Wright.

"It's not uncommon for thieves to target licence plates off of vehicles similar to the one they are driving or operating or if they are in possession of a stolen vehicle," said Wright.

"So say they steal a Ford, what they'll do is drive around 'til they find an identical vehicle and swap plates."

Because people don't always look at their licence plates, he said some owners might go a week or two driving around with a stolen licence plate.

"Meanwhile their legitimate licence plate is on a stolen vehicle, and it's going undetected, because the plate matches the vehicle."


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BY KEVIN VINK
Review Staff

Copper thefts continue to pose a problem for area RCMP, according to Sgt. Jeff Jacobson.

Though there was a specific crime that spurred the warning, Jacobson said that his concern is not the individual crime in question, as much as the fact that copper thefts are continuing to be an issue.

"In this case it looks like it was an oil company's site that it had been stolen from, and it was about \$5,000 worth of cable stolen, presumably for the copper wire," noted

Copper thefts continue

Jacobson.

He wants to get the message out that anybody who witnesses suspicious vehicles and individuals wandering around any kind of work sites, should call the police. "Give us a call for suspicious people and we'll make a patrol up that way and see what they're up to and make sure it's not related to copper thefts," he said.

"Most of these are occurring in the middle of the night, so certainly farmers who have fields in the areas where these places are located, if they see

vehicles out there that would be unusual for that time of day, call us. We would love to catch some of these people in the act."

The dollar value of what's being stolen is significant, he added, so it's one of those things that they need to stop.

He said the problems aren't just in Didsbury either, however. "I know also in the Sundre and Olds areas...right through pretty much the entire province, it's occurring and it's having some serious implications."

Since he started at the

Didsbury detachment, Jacobson said he has noticed that as the price of the metal has increased, so too has the frequency of the crimes. "It's definitely one of those things that can be a difficult investigation in order to link back (stolen materials), and I know we've recovered copper wire in the past and to link it back to where it was stolen from can be difficult as well."

He said he suspects a large portion of it is never reported either, and encourages businesses that experience thefts to report them so that police can try and gather evidence.

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DHS grad playing for Trojans

BY KEVIN VINK
Review Staff

Brayden Hopfe, a DHS graduate, is living the dream: playing hockey and getting paid to do it - sort of.

Hopfe is taking his first year of a two-year geomatic engineering course with a minor in surveying at SAIT Polytechnic, and has been playing for the SAIT Trojans hockey team since September.

As part of the sport scholarship program, he says he will be receiving a minimum of \$1,900 per year from SAIT's Alumni Association, and that number increases if the team does well that year.

"I just wanted to keep playing hockey. I figured it's a good way to get my education paid for, and SAIT's got a good reputation," says Hopfe.

After graduation in 2009, Hopfe played Junior 'A' league hockey for two years for the Olds Grizzlies, then got traded to Camrose for the next two years, at which point he decided to get some post-secondary education.

Geomatics was his choice because he enjoys being outdoors, he adds.

"I figure I'm young so I can go and do that for a little bit. But there's opportunity when I'm older - when my body's worn out - that I can go into the office and

make some more money too."

Geomatics is a full-time course, but his days are basically planned out for him, between classes and team practice.

"We practise every day from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., then we have to work out a couple days a week," he says. "And games are on Friday and Saturday - one at home and one away."

"It's pretty busy, it's a really busy schedule."

The season has been going 'all right' for the

Trojans this year, he notes.

"We had a little rough patch (in November), but I think we're getting past it. We're ready for Christmas break here, getting pretty tired and worn out already."

He said the hockey program at SAIT was a big draw for him, as well as its academic reputation.

"Over the last 10 years, they've been in how many championships," he explains, "and that's what I want to do. I just want to keep winning and playing

hockey."

Once he gets out of SAIT, he says he may continue his hockey career if he can.

"I guess we'll see what opportunities come with it," he says. "I wouldn't mind going overseas and maybe playing a couple years professionally just to get some adventure under my belt."

"It'd be cool to go over there and see what it's all about," Hopfe adds. "Haven't been over to Europe before; it'd be neat to see."



Brayden Hopfe guards the net during his tenure with the Camrose Kodiaks.

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Editorial

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

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"Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.



FRANCIS
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"Papa says, 'If you see it in THE SUN it's so.'

"Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

"VIRGINIA O'HANLON.

"115 WEST NINETY-FIFTH STREET."

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no VIRGINIAS. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart.

Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.



Commentary

Jumpin' Jack Flash farewell

Last week when I put my frenetic day-to-day affairs on hold to decorate the house for Christmas my amused wife stopped in her tracks, cast a broad smile and said, "Johnnie, you are just like a kid."

That caused me to pause as well. She was right. Christmas is like that. It is a time when all life's worries are magically pushed away by the momentum of an indescribable and indomitable spirit of all that is truly good.

For a middle-aged man, dominated by trials of career, home and family, it is like going back to those wonder years when youth was overcome by exhilarating moments of discovery and awareness, like the sense of teen bravura, independence, love, and perhaps best of all, rock and roll; those times of sheer joy when just dancing away the troubles of the world come so naturally and easy. Yes, I will certainly dance at Christmas.

It was doubly wondrous last week to watch the Concert for Sandy Relief, with Bruce Springsteen, The

Who and the Rolling Stones, rocking it up in the holiday season with a singleness of purpose to make the world a better place. To watch Mick Jagger, closing in on 70, dancing demonically to *Jumpin' Jack Flash*, was a defining moment for anyone caught in the trap of thinking he or she is too old to be young again.

It swung me back to a late Ottawa summer day in 1974 when I was 17. My girlfriend had just come home from summer camp and she dumped me. Life needed a joyful jolt of an exhilarating moment. Christmas was too far away but there was always rock and roll. And there was also my friend Dave Seal.

I was a fanatical fan of The Who. He was passionately devoted to the Rolling Stones. We always argued passionately which band was better. But on that day it didn't matter. Only rock and roll counted. When I saw Dave that day and told him of my heartbreak, he listened intently. He then only smiled and said, "Johnnie, you've got soul." Dave then slapped on a Rolling Stones bootleg and *Jumpin' Jack Flash* exploded from

the stereo. It was time to dance. It was also a moment to hold forever: a friendship cemented by rock and roll, empathy and love.

Dave passed away in Ottawa on Dec. 15. A few weeks ago another Ottawa friend told me Dave was terminally ill with cancer. Circumstances at home and the rapid progression of Dave's illness prevented me from talking to him or flying out to Ottawa. But I did talk to Dave's wife Karen. She said Dave had been "amazing" about how he accepted with grace and courage the final chapter of his life. Another Ottawa friend added that Dave, even in his final days, was still open for those special moments - in bed and wrapped with a Rolling Stones blanket.

All of this tells another story. Dave had been placed in a position to spend his final days on his own terms, surrounded by the love and understanding of his family. The holiday season was also there. And he had rock and roll. I can only believe that when the time came there was an even bigger moment as the gates of heaven opened wide. Of course there was glorious rock and rock music. And there is no doubt Dave was dancing.



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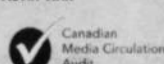
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Letters to the Editor

Xmas helpers

I would like to thank each and every faithful volunteer who has given so unselfishly over the past 30 years to make the Christmas Helper Program in Didsbury such a wonderful gift to the town and area residents, who for one reason or another, find themselves in need of help at Christmas.

Another year is upon us and we, the Christmas Helpers, are looking for help this year.

New times – Dec. 18 is the cut-off date for names of people needing this help. Phone the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church at 403-335-3629 with information.

Dec. 18 – all gifts must be in to the post office unwrapped with an Angel card attached. The Angel Trees are around town.

Please buy an age-appropriate gift for the

angel.

Thanks for your help. Such beautiful gifts have been given to homes over the years.

Dec. 20 – 7 p.m. at Zion Church. The annual gift-wrapping. So well attended each year. Bring your family and enjoy this truly fun community project.

Dec. 21 – Hamper packing and delivery. Want to help? 10 a.m. at Zion Church with delivery beginning at 1 p.m.

Much appreciation for your financial gifts, the toys and the food. Each year has its own set of memories but one thing is certain: the Christmas Helper Program is so well received, whether by volunteers or by the homes who receive this gift.

Thanks Didsbury! All the best in the new year.

Linda Sirr
Linda Regner

Letter concerning Didsbury's pool

There is a rumour council is considering a feasibility study regarding the swimming pool in the coming months.

As a daily user of the swimming pool, I would very much like to voice my opinion on the importance of the aquatic centre to not only the users, but also the local businesses.

I had back surgery a while ago and was at the time, unable to get any physio locally. I enrolled in the Aqua Fit and Aquacize programs and found both programs tremendously beneficial to my recovery.

The majority of people using the pool the same time as I am, are working through knee, back and shoulder issues, whether it be pre- or post-surgery.

Everyone talks about how beneficial the low-impact workout is for them.

Others in our program are just there to keep fit to avoid the problems the rest of us experience.

Our classes usually follow school students from Didsbury, Carstairs and Cremona who definitely benefit from instruction by the incredible caring and dedicated staff.

I am aware a lot of money was spent on repairs, and I understand it will cost even more for future repairs and maintenance.

But, if the rumour (and there is always some truth in every rumour) about the possibility of closure due to these high costs is true, I believe it would be a very sad day for Didsbury.

If the pool were to close, and even just the 30+ people I work out with every day had to drive to Olds to use its pool, I can see

where each of us would probably want to make the trip worthwhile by doing our shopping while we are there.

With thousands of dollars leaving Didsbury for groceries, clothing, hardware, car maintenance, prescriptions, personal care, pet care etc., it would leave the merchants in Didsbury feeling the pain of lost income due to the closure.

It would also increase

the cost of the local students' swimming program by increasing the cost of busing.

The only place to find the extra money for busing would be to raise our school taxes.

It is obvious to me, and hopefully to you, that closing the pool would have a huge impact on our community, our businesses, and our schools.

Barb Philpott
Didsbury

We like to hear from you!

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HALL RENTALS:

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5-0 CLUB HALL RENTALS. For Hall rentals and/or info regarding the hall please call Joyce Gee 403-335-2861.
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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - Membership meetings are the 2nd Wednesday in June, September, November, and January. For more info please call 403-335-3265.

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BEAVERS TUES. - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

KING HIRAM LODGE #21 - has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

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DIDSBURY SENIOR SUPPORT SERVICES - Co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 403-335-4391.

DIDSBURY SHUTTLE BUS - Scheduled transportation for anyone on Monday, Wednesdays & Fridays 9 - 3. Please call day prior or by 8:00 a.m. for pick up. 403-507-0208. Wheelchair accessible. Sponsored by the Didsbury Lions Club.

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Meetings Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 21 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Donna at 403-335-8733 or Rick at 403-335-9525.

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OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS - 12-Step group for Compulsive Overeaters meets on Thursdays at 7 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church, 130 Albert St., Airdrie. For more information call Deb at 403-948-0563 or Frankie at 403-335-3633.

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Supper at 7:00 p.m. meeting at 8:00 p.m. Call 403-335-4655.

SUPPER INVITATION - The Didsbury Lions Club welcomes men & lady visitors at their supper meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month, 6:45 p.m. at the 5-0 Club. For information and to RSVP call 403-335-9173 or 403-335-4796.

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FRIDAYS - CRIBBAGE STARTS - at the Elks Hall - 7:00 p.m.

HUNTINGTONS - Are you or someone you love affected by HD? I am looking to start up a support group in the Didsbury area. If you are interested contact Kim Rauhaia 403-335-9520.

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MOUNTAIN VIEW CHORALERS BEGIN THEIR FALL PRACTICES on Monday evening, Sept. 10 at 7pm. at the FIVE-0 club. If you like to sing come and join us, we are a fun group. tfn

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COMMUNITY VOLLEYBALL NIGHT - Adult co-ed drop-in Volleyball at Zion Church. Sun. Feb. 3. 7:00pm-9:00pm. \$2.00/night. Call Garnet 403-335-9820 tfn

Church Directory

The REVIEW is pleased to provide this Church Directory as a community service

Bergthal Mennonite Church

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 403-335-3551 Email cwcc@jarenet.com

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 For more information please contact
 Catholic Women's League:
 Makine Moreau 403-335-4948
 Knights of Columbus:
 Gary McNeil 403-335-8611
 For more information
 Olds St. Steven's Office
 403-556-3084

Redeemer Lutheran Lutheran Church Canada

1500 - 23 ST. • Rev. Robert Mohs
 Church: 403-335-3161 / Res: 403-335-3656
 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. • Worship - 10:30 a.m.
 Adult Bible Study Sunday - 9:30 a.m.
 Holy Communion 1 & 3 Sunday 10:30 a.m.
 Jr. & Sr. Youth, Women's & Seniors' Ministry Group
 Small Group Bible Study meetings
 throughout the week.

Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church

14 km East of Didsbury Pastor Art Numan
 Office: 403-335-4422
 Morning Worship 11 a.m. • Sunday School 10 a.m.
 For information concerning the weekly activities
 please call the Church Office.

Anglican Church of Canada

St. Cyprian's
 2037 - 24th Ave. Didsbury - 403-335-4664
 Rector - David Asher
 Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Holy Communion - 2nd & 4th Sunday each month

West Zion Mennonite Church

westzion.com has a map for directions
 Senior Pastor Mal Braun
 Youth Pastor Josh Tiel
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Zion Evangelical Missionary Church

#802 Secondary Highway 582
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 Mike Morgan, Senior Pastor
 Colin Creighton, Associate Pastor
 Alison Lefebvre, Youth Pastor
 Christine Little, Children's Pastor
 Sunday School at 9:30 am & Service to follow at
 10:45 am
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December

Find unique gift ideas from the Museum: jams, soaps, bank trucks, pins, zipper pulls and beautiful glass jewelry. Also, donation certificates or "Sponsor An Artifact" certificates can be purchased as gifts or perfect stocking stuffers. Tickets for the Valdy & Gary Fjellgaard concert can be purchased at the museum and the Library. At the Library you can also give the gift of a magazine subscription for the Library in someone's honour or purchase library cards for family and friends.

December 19

Coffee & Conversation at the Didsbury Museum 1:00 to 3:30. Musical entertainment by Doreen McEwen. Featuring dolls made from recycled materials by Gail Dillon. Share memories of toys from Christmas past and enjoy tasty treats.

December 20

Olds Community Chorus Christmas Concert at 7:30 pm. Olds Baptist Church 5005-53 Ave. Adults: \$10. Students/Children: Free.

January 10

Thank you to all the many volunteers, supporters and donors for your kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity. You make this program possible and you are appreciated. Our Friends & Fun Program will begin again on January 10th at 1:30 p.m. Christmas Blessings to all. Didsbury Seniors Support Services

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to all of you

The evolution and many faces of Christmas

Many people prepare for the arrival of Christmas months in advance. The first traces of wrapping paper and decorations arrive in stores as early as September, transforming the holiday into a much more secular celebration than its modest Christian beginnings.

Despite Christmas being an important date in the lives of today's Christians, the holiday failed to gain prominent status until relatively recently.

Research indicates that as late as the 19th century, Christmas was not even a legal holiday requiring a day off from work.

That's why 19th century readers of the classic Christmas tale, "A Christmas Carol," were not shocked at Bob Cratchit having to work on Christmas Day.

The United States Congress used to meet on Christmas Day because it was not a national holiday. In 1836, Alabama became the first state to officially recognize Christmas, but it didn't become a legal holiday across the country until June 26, 1970.

Today's Christmas celebrations include traditions from around the world.

Some ascertain that it was the church's doing to schedule Christmas at a similar time to the pagan festivals, such as Saturnalia, that took place during the winter months. But many biblical scholars argue that this was not the case.

Some pagan influences, such as holly and mistletoe as well as the burning of a yule log, have long been a part of Christmas traditions.

Santa Claus is one of the more recognizable symbols of Christmas.

He is based on St. Nikolas of Myra, an area that is part of modern-day Turkey. St. Nikolas is the world's most popular non-Biblical saint and is one of the saints most portrayed by artists.

Early depictions of St. Nikolas show him as a stern man who delivered his share of discipline.

Eventually, those depictions changed to

show a figure more associated with generosity.

Throughout history there have been characters from around the globe, such as the Viking deity Odin, who were precursors to Santa Claus.

Myth states that Odin rode his eight-legged flying horse in the winter. Odin gave out gifts to well-behaved children and punishments to those who misbehaved. Children would fill boots or stockings with treats for the flying horse.

Regardless of the origins of Christmas, today it is hard to deny that Christmas is a commercialized success. It is a national holiday not only in the United States and Canada but also in other areas of the world, and it is best known for the tradition of giving presents to others.

In fact, many people head to the stores well in advance of the Christmas holiday to purchase all of the presents on their shopping lists.

The shopping season tradition may be traced back to the time of World War II, when it was necessary to mail gifts early to the troops serving in Europe so that they would be able to open them in time.

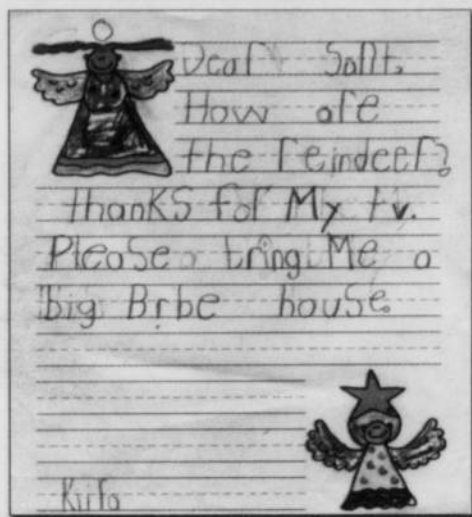
Merchants realized that this concept could be used when gifting troops as well as private citizens, reminding shoppers to make their holiday purchases early so they could mail them to relatives near or far. As a result, the advanced shopping season was born.

Although many people feel Christmas begins when the first bag of tinsel appears on a store shelf and ends when the last present is opened on December 25, the true religious holiday does not coincide with merchant schedules.

While most people are bustling to and from department stores and malls, Christians are participating in Advent, which was traditionally a solemn season of reflection and fasting.

Letters to Santa

On the following pages you will find Letters to Santa written by Ms. Turner's Grade 1 class at Ross Ford Elementary.



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the reindeer?
Thanks for the
big barbie house
May I please
have a hello
kitty mini
fridge. I am going to
love kyra



Dear Santa
How are
you? Thanks
for the tree. Please
bring me legs. I
hav a present for
you.





Dear Santa
How are
you? Thanks for
the unicorn
Please can you bring me a unicorn
dog? I love you Santa

Dear Santa
How are
you? Thanks
for the vacuum
Please can you get me
sumbys?
I love you





Dear Santa
How are
you? Thanks
for the truck. Please
bring me a truck.
I have a gift for
you?




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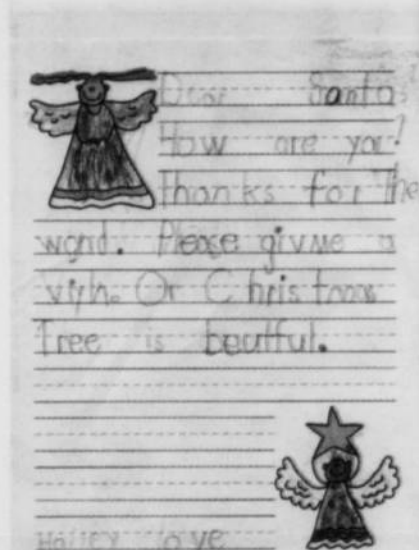


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Christmas Message

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May you have peace, joy and love this holiday season. May the spirit of Christmas and the magic of this wonderful season be with you and your loved ones throughout the holidays and in the New Year.

My wife Carol and I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas along with prosperity, good health and happiness in the New Year.

Bruce Rowe
MLA, Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills

**HANG ON.
IT'S ALMOST
CHRISTMAS!**

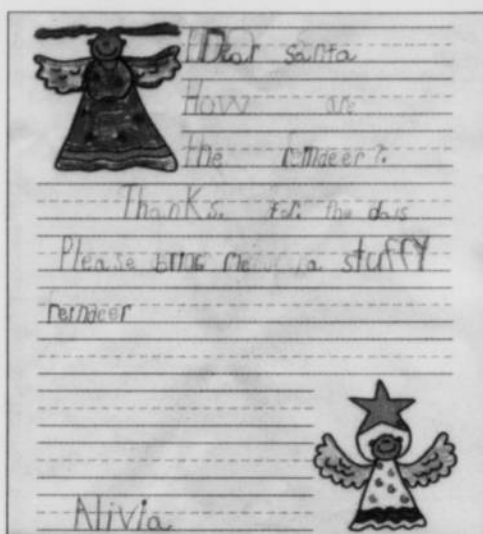
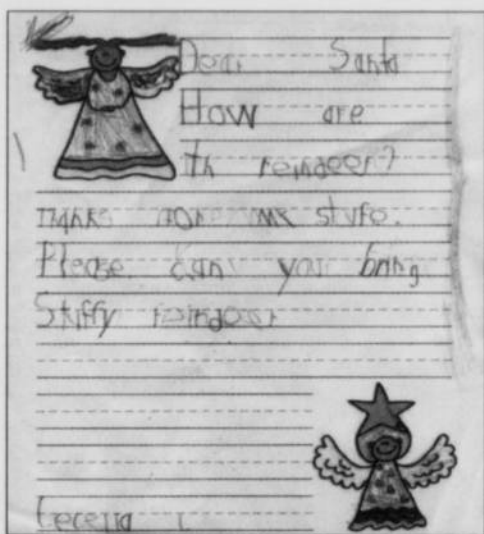
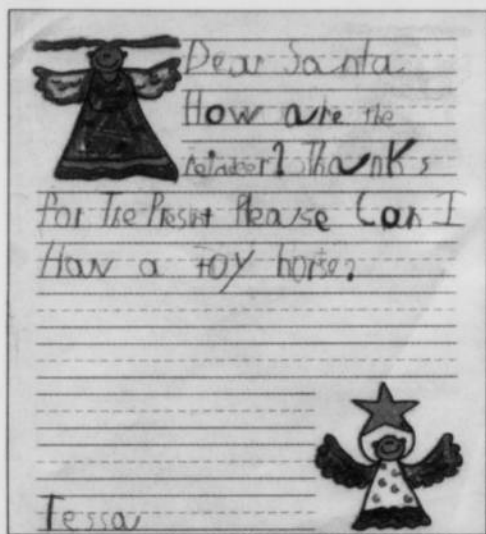
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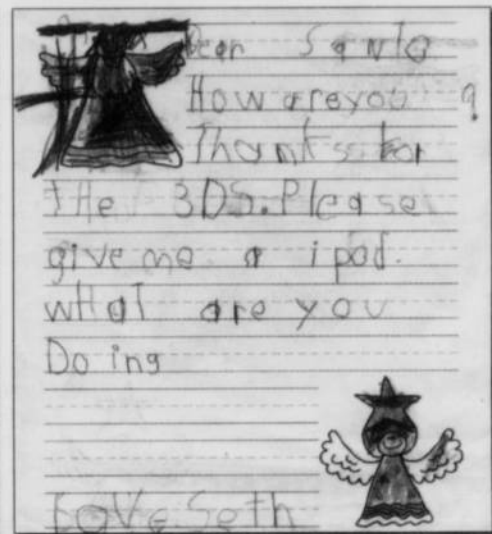
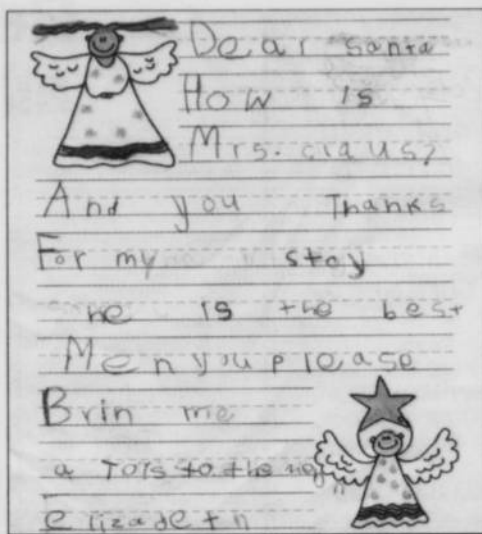


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*May all
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and small
rejoice in the
holiday spirit.*

*Merry
Christmas!*

From
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Dana, Dennise, Carlee,
Joan, Jodi & Karla.



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Reindeer not all Rudolphys

While Rudolph might be the most famous reindeer, there remains no documented evidence of a red-nosed reindeer guiding Santa's sleigh on an especially stormy Christmas Eve.

But just because no one has yet to find the real Rudolph, that doesn't mean we don't know a few things about Santa's sled buddies.

- Reindeer are also known as Caribou in North America.

- Females generally weigh between 170 to 260 lbs., while males are often much larger, weighing as little as 200 lbs. but as much as 460 lbs.

- Reindeer reside in both the Arctic and Subarctic, and hunting of wild reindeer and herding of semi-domesticated reindeer is important to several Arctic and

Subarctic people.

- Reindeer fur can vary considerably. In northern populations, reindeer tend to have white fur, while southern populations are darker in color.

- Reindeer size can also vary depending on location, as southern reindeer populations tend to be larger than their northern counterparts.

- In most reindeer populations, both males and females grow antlers. Among deer, reindeer have the largest antlers in relation to body size.

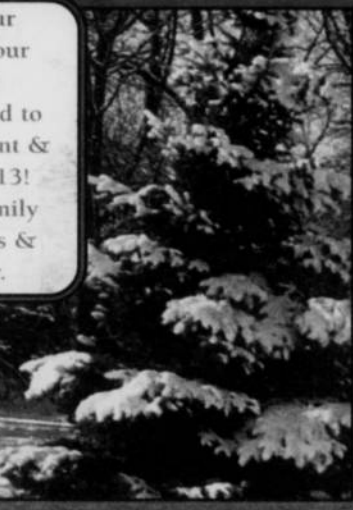
- Males often battle with each other by locking antlers for the right to mate with certain females.

- During migration, some reindeer reach speeds of 37 to 50 miles per hour. GG10B077

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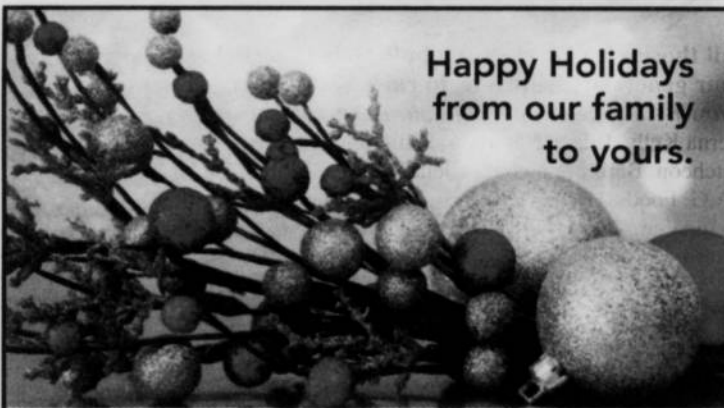


*"Glory to God in the
highest, and on earth
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*We'd like to join you and your family in
singing His praises, as we share the
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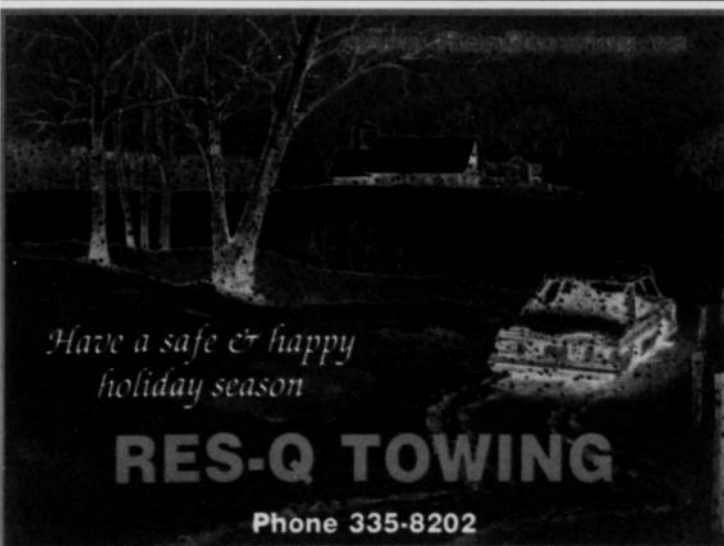


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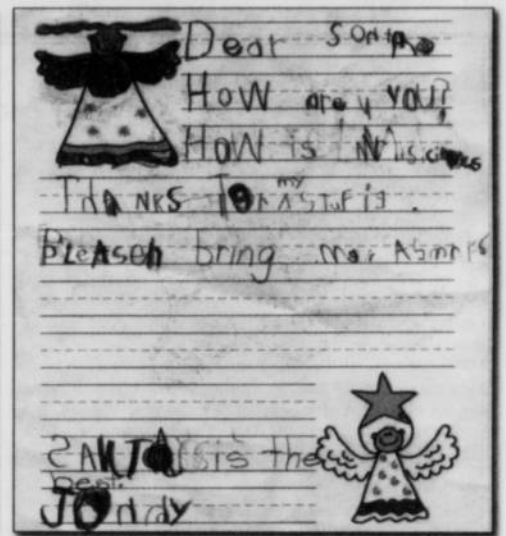
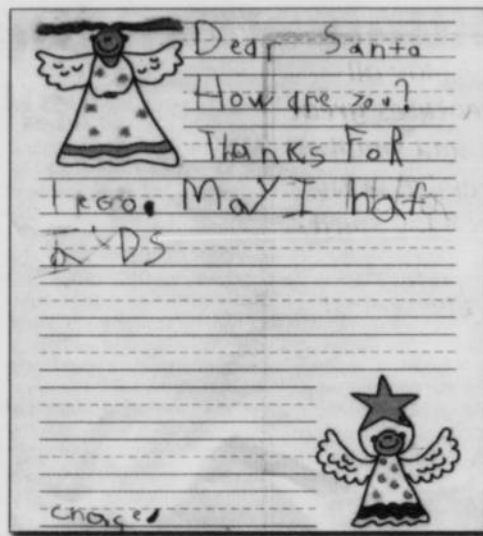
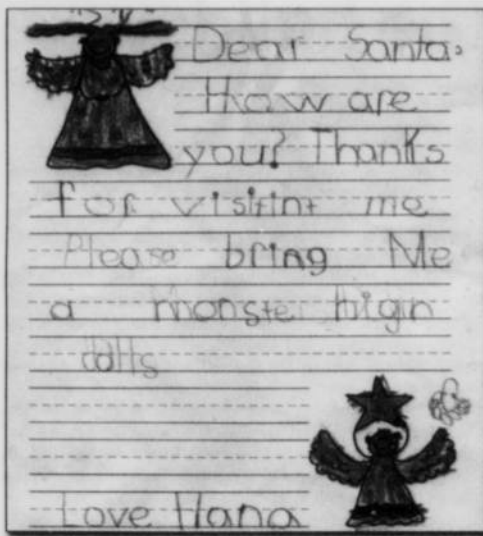
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The gift of volunteerism for the holidays

Donating is a popular way to show appreciation during the holiday season, but not every household has the funds to donate this year.

In lieu of making a financial donation, a gift of time and service is just as valuable.

Research indicates that 50 percent of charitable donations are made between Thanksgiving and Christmas. During the season of hospitality and togetherness, making charitable donations is ever-present in many people's minds. However, financial insecurity due to the sluggish job market and economy will likely result in more people hoping to volunteer their time instead of their finances this holiday season.

Volunteering one's time is a way to give back without expending funds. Just as charities and other organizations are in need of money to operate their causes, they

also need manpower to put plans in action.

Busy people may think they don't have the time to volunteer, but this is not the case.

According to Charity Guide, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting flexible volunteerism by inspiring and facilitating acts of kindness, volunteer work can take as little as 15 minutes per week and be based on a flexible schedule.

When considering volunteerism, individuals can pick a cause that is dear to their hearts. Organizations that raise awareness about medical conditions to animal rights groups are all charities that can use assistance. Here are some ways the average person can volunteer service.

- Business owners who provide a particular product or service can donate such items to the charity. For example, a printing company can offer to print letterhead or

envelopes for an organization. A baker can offer food for luncheons or fundraisers. Donation of time doesn't necessarily have to mean manning the phones.

- Schools are often understaffed and can use the help of parents and other community members. Volunteering beyond the typical call of duty can help school programs flourish. Volunteering time as a coach or as a librarian can ensure children have the resources and programs for a well-rounded education.

- Consider spending time with the elderly at a nearby assisted-living facility or as part of a home-visitor program. Individuals who don't have family nearby may appreciate a visit from someone, even if it's just to sit and chat. This is something the entire family can do, even children.

- Something as simple as carpooling or offering to shop for busy people is another form of volunteer work that doesn't require being part of a particular organization. Why not babysit for a person who has to catch up on some holiday shopping?

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Didsbury bylaw officers are now allowed to carry shotguns

BY KEVIN VINK
Review Staff

Trained bylaw officers employed by the Town of Didsbury are now authorized to carry a shotgun in the course of their duties.

Councillors approved a new policy regulating the use of the firearm by the town's community peace officers during the Nov. 27 council meeting.

Mayor Brian Wittal explained that the change in policy does not mean officers will be toting shotguns around like cowboys, however.

Safety is the main reason, he said, mentioning the bylaw officer from the Turner Valley area that was killed last year in the

course of duty when he responded to a dog complaint.

"People say 'They're bylaw officers, they only deal with bylaws.'"

"Well that's what he was doing, he was dealing with a bylaw in regards to pets--and some gun owner took offence to the extreme."

Other than a billy club and a can of Mace, as it was before, town bylaw officers did not have the necessary permission to carry a shotgun, he added.

Which is why council decided to give them that extra protection, said Wittal.

"So when they are going out on calls in rural areas--or who knows, even here in town--if you walk up to a

house and it happens to be a grow-op, are you safe with your little Mace can?"

He noted that even before the shotgun bylaw was passed, Didsbury bylaw officers were already contracted by the county to deal with animals and related calls.

"So we're doing exactly what that guy (from Turner Valley) did," said Wittal.

"He was an experienced, retired police officer, I believe, and you just never know. Safety first. You hope you never have to run into that situation, but there's a cost to due diligence."

"Same as why do we have a million dollars' worth of fire equipment? I'd just as soon they never turn a tire, but you better have them."

The other option, he said, is to make officers travel in pairs instead of individually, but unfortunately, he said council doesn't like that idea at all, because of the costs that would follow.

"We have two (officers) and we try to spread them out and get maximum value. If we have to put them together so they can only do one eight-hour shift a day, your costs are doubling or more, for that same service," he said.

"This helps to provide that protection for them so that we can continue to try and get the maximum usage out of having two members."

Wittal also noted that bylaw officers do need to go through training to allow

them to carry shotguns, and currently only Officer Derek Sutherland has had the proper training.

The bylaw also recognized that community

peace officers, during their regular patrol duties, may come across injured animals that need to be destroyed to end their suffering.

CP Holiday Train hosts noon-hour concert Wednesday

BY KEVIN VINK
Review Staff

The CP Holiday Train rolled into town last Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. and was well received by parents and children alike, according to onlookers.

Mayor Brian Wittal said "It is always a great community-building event, as was evident from the 300-plus people who came out, to have the CPR Holiday Train stop in Didsbury, as it helps to get everyone into the holiday spirit."

"Plus the support that the CP (Rail) employees provide to the Mountain View Food Bank with their

\$1,000 donation is always greatly appreciated!"

It was awesome to see such big-name talent come to town, like Doc Walker and Miss Emily, he added.

Nasya Gibson didn't see the entire show, but she said, "I was amazed at how high energy the performance was, considering the cold. The performers were very fun. It was a uniquely, western-Canadian experience."

Lindsay Cooper, who brought her children out to see the show said that this is the first time in recent years that the weather has been so accommodating.

"When the train pulled

up, all of the young kids were at the fence, so excited to see the show," said Cooper.

"Doc Walker was awesome. The kids were dancing and the adults were also having a good time. The person on the harmonica was out of this world; what talent he has. I had a blast, and so did my kids."

Harry Warne, treasurer for the Mountain View Regional Food Bank said that, along with \$1,000 donated by CP Rail employees, the food bank received \$371.95 in cash and about \$1,239 worth of food donations.

"It was a good turnout,"

said Warne. "It certainly helps us to fill our bins, that's for sure. We get a lot of groups doing things this time of year...we depend heavily on the holiday season for restocking."

The variety of food that the food bank has received also helps, he added, because this is the time that the food bank really stocks up for the coming year.



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Well, the season is in full swing for the Didsbury Atom Tier 2 Ramblers, and surprisingly we are almost halfway through the season. The first half of the season has been full of ups and downs for this team. Through the leadership of the second year Atom players (Carson Fischer, Paton Rotherbusch, Corson Waring, Tanner Ruby, John Bosche, Ella Shindler, Jaedan Cameron, Dawson Mailer and Dreydan Feiker) the first year players (Matt Candine, Logan Lafreniere and Corie Heistad) have been honing their skills to develop into a strong team.

Recently the Atom team participated in the Inistait Flyers' Invitational Atom Tournament, and the team came home with the gold. The Ramblers won their first two games in the round robin (7-1 against Crovinesse Pass and 12-7 against Ponoka respectively). The team met up with the Bashaw Stars in the semi-final and won a hard fought battle (10-6). In doing this the Ramblers won the right to meet Inistait in the final. Leading into this showdown Inistait and Didsbury had split their season series (1-1), with Inistait winning the Didsbury Atom Tournament title against our beloved Ramblers two weeks prior. However, this was a new game and a new tournament. The game was hard fought battle, with Inistait taking a 4-1 lead late into the third period. The Ramblers were trying their hardest and refused to quit. With a mere 4 minutes left the mighty Ramblers were able to net a goal to close the gap to 4-2, then another to make it 4-3... once again to make it 4-4. The Ramblers fans were going crazy in the stands, and they could sense a victory. Off the draw after the tying goal, the Ramblers marched down the ice and scored another to take the lead 5-4, with roughly a minute left on the clock. The two teams lined up for the faceoff and Inistait gained control of the puck, they moved it up the ice and gained the Ramblers' zone. While their forward was driving wide, the Rambler defender played a solid one on one and poke checked the puck away

from the Flyers forward, but was penalized on a very questionable call by the ref. The Flyers gained control on their power play and were able to score a goal in the dying seconds of the game to tie it all up at 5. Overtime was looming, and the fans were on the edge of their seats.

In overtime the teams went back and forth trading glorious scoring chances, but both goaltenders put up the proverbial wall and kept the game all knifed off at 5. After the five minutes of overtime the buzzer sounded and a shootout was forthcoming. Didsbury had the first shot, Paton Rotherbusch flew down the ice and hit his spot, blocker side just inside the post to put the Ramblers up 1-0. Inistait was next to go, their speedy forward came down the ice, tried to deke Dreydan Feiker, but Dreydan was up to the test and the forward slid the puck wide of the post. The shootout was in the Ramblers' control and Tanner Ruby was next to shoot. Tanner took the puck at centre and drove towards the net, he saw an opening and picked his spot, top shelf glove hand side... 2-0 Ramblers. It was simple at this point, a save by Dreydan and the Ramblers would be victorious. The Flyers player came down the ice, and like Ruby before him the Flyer player shot for the top corner, however, Dreydan was up to the test and made a glorious glove save to win the shootout, the game and the tournament.

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Innisfail car salesman charged with fraud

VICTORIA PATERSON

For the Review

An Innisfail man who is facing four counts of fraud over \$5,000, was due to appear in court Tuesday, Dec. 18 regarding the fraud that he has been accused of committing.

Alister Loughlin has been charged with fraud over allegations about an investment scheme at Innisfail Park and Sell before it closed down operations in June 2011.

Accused of defrauding four investors out of an estimated \$1 million in an alleged vehicle financing scam, Loughlin said he was "absolutely" surprised to be facing criminal charges.

Innisfail RCMP charged him on Nov. 13 with four counts of fraud over \$5,000 for his deals associated with Innisfail Park and Sell.

He said he will be fighting the charges but couldn't comment on the actual details of what happened. He said he had presented a repayment plan to the investors for the money lost.

"The investors rejected my five-year repayment plan," he said, adding that the \$1-million estimate given by police was too high.

"It was a terrible thing that happened to all of us," Loughlin said.

The four charges relate to four victims of an investment scheme that was reported

to the RCMP at the beginning of July 2011, said Innisfail RCMP Cpl. A.J. Mand. The investigation is ongoing.

Three of the four investors alleged to be victims in the case spoke to the Innisfail Province. They each explained they'd purchased vehicles which were to be sold at the car lot by Loughlin. Once the vehicle was sold, they were to get back their money along with a finance fee. The vehicle was collateral for their investment.

Dave Waiting of Didsbury and Steve Craig and Todd Stevenett, both of Innisfail, each said once Innisfail Park and Sell ceased operations, they found there were multiple investors and owners on some of the vehicles each thought they had exclusive rights to.

By then, most of the vehicles the men say they had legal rights to were gone, but a few were left on the lot.

Waiting said he and three other investors took one of the remaining vehicles that they all claimed rights to and sold it at auction, splitting the proceeds four ways for a total of \$700 each.

The owner of Heck Electric in Didsbury said he'd met the Innisfail salesman in 2008 via some acquaintances and was approached to invest. He did so, rolling over his initial investments into other vehicles and receiving cheques back.

However, he said he was contacted by Loughlin in June 2011 and told what he

currently had invested and most of the vehicles were gone.

He said there had been some times before the used car dealership shut down when he'd been told to delay cashing a cheque.

"It'd always be 'just wait a couple days,'" he said.

Waiting knew he was taking a risk when he invested the money, but said he hadn't expected the total loss.

"It's one thing to take a calculated risk, it's another to have (been misled)," he said.

That's when he started digging and found the other investors, with some of them getting together to compare their documentation.

"It was just sheer frustration," Waiting said. "It was like an empty feeling, you know that you're not getting your money back."

While comparing documents, Waiting said he discovered one of the other investors had signed a "profit sharing agreement" on the same day as him on the same vehicle.

He gave a statement to police in July 2011.

"I'll probably never see my money again, but somebody has to be accountable," he said of the scheme.

He greeted the charges with relief but knows he's in for a long court process.

"The wheels of justice turn slow, but they still turn," he said.

He said Loughlin approached him with a proposed repayment agreement.

"The proposal was reviewed with professional advisers but the prospect of any repayment or viability of the plan was minuscule. As a result the settlement offer was rejected because there was really a lack of any sense of accountability," he said.

Stevenett started investing in January 2010 and lost about \$55,000 in the same way. He'd known Loughlin for most of his life.

"We've been friends since Grade 1," Stevenett said.

And while losing the money hurts, the loss of trust is a different story.

"It wasn't the money as much as it was the betrayal of a long-term friendship," Stevenett said.

He said in spring 2011, he was given a cheque by the accused but the bank wouldn't cash it.

The accused made sure he had his money by the next day, he said.

"That was my first inclination that things were getting really dicey," he said.

After the car lot shut down, Stevenett discovered that other financiers had invested in some of the same vehicles. He said he even has paperwork showing he owned a vehicle that was never actually purchased from the original owner.

Like Waiting, he knows the justice system will take awhile and he might never see the return of his investment but he said he thinks the accused should pay if convicted, even with jail time.

"We're pretty confident we'll never see another dime out of him," he said. "He has to pay restitution somehow."

"I guess I was naive ... but when you don't know the whole story ... it's tough to make good judgment," Stevenett said of investing with his friend.

The investment loss was one of the factors that forced Stevenett to scrap plans to expand his farm. Now he rents out the land.

"It didn't devastate it, it didn't put us in the poorhouse, but it does lengthen the road to retirement," he said.

Stevenett acknowledged he'd seen the accused's repayment plan but didn't sign it.

"Everything in it protected him. There was no guarantees in it for us," he said.

Craig started investing in 2006 when he was approached by the salesman through an acquaintance.

"I'd never met him before," he said. "We struck up a business deal."

The Alberta Motor Vehicle Industry Council lists Loughlin as an active licensed salesperson. He is working at G.H. Auto, which is operating in the same location as the Innisfail Park and Sell did before it shut down. Loughlin said G.H. Auto is his current employer and has nothing to do with the allegations.

Two of Loughlin's businesses, Cool Tin Art Ltd. and Loughlin Resources Ltd, both of which operated as Innisfail Park and Sell, are listed by AMVIC as having cancelled licences.

John Bachinski, the executive director of AMVIC, said he can't comment on the allegations and Loughlin's licensed status because the case is under investigation.

He said they are providing assistance to the RCMP and are doing their own review.



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**Bob Penner
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It is with great sadness that the family of Robert Dennis Penner announce his passing on Sunday, December 9, 2012 at the age of 69 years.

A private family graveside service was held at the Taber Memorial Garden prior to the funeral service on Thursday, December 13, 2012.

The Funeral Service was held at the Evangelical Free Church, 5431 - 48 Avenue, Taber on Thursday, December 13, 2012 at 2:00 P.M. with Pastor Harry Unger officiating. Condolences may be forwarded by visiting our website at www.southlandfuneral.com.

Besides his loving wife Judy, Bob will be lovingly remembered by their two children Tara (Len) Andrus of Whitecourt, Todd Penner of Taber and granddaughters Randi and Shayna Andrus. He is also survived by three sisters Elviera (Don) Enns of Carrot River, Saskatchewan, Ella (Art) Neufeld of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and Betty (Lyle) Brown of Carstairs; two brothers Eldon (Olinda) Penner of Abbotsford, British Columbia and Harry Penner of Didsbury; Judy's sister Wendy (Mike) Delaney of Kelowna, British Columbia and by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Bob was predeceased by his parents Henry and Helen Penner, Judy's parents Len and Joyce Berscht and a sister-in-law Betty Lou Penner.

Bob was born in Didsbury on February 3, 1943. On April 1, 1967 he married Judy Berscht and they were blessed with two children. He began his career in clothing retail sales in 1962. Bob moved his family to Taber in September of 1975 where he established Penner's Mens Wear. His hard work and commitment continued until his retirement in 1997. Bob was actively involved in the community and sat on numerous boards and committees. He was dedicated to and instrumental in the development and incorporation of Taber Special Needs in 1987. His passion and vision for Taber Special Needs carried on for the next twenty five years. Bob's devotion to his family and genuine love for people was the foundation of every aspect of his life.

If friends so desire, memorial tributes in Bob's name may be made directly to the Taber Special Needs Society, 6005 - 60 Avenue, Taber, Alberta T1G 2C1.

The family would like to express their sincere thanks to Dr. Wedel and all the staff at Linden View for the special care given to Bob.

Arrangements in care of Southland Funeral Chapel, 5006 - 48 Ave., Taber, Alberta T1G 1R8.

Telephone: 1-888-223-0116.

Web address: www.southlandfuneral.com

**ROBERTSON - Dorothy May Rosetta
February 14, 1928 - December 6, 2012**

Dorothy Robertson, passed away at the Bow View Manor, Calgary, Alberta on Thursday, December 6, 2012 at the age of 84 years. She will be lovingly remembered by her children, Ronald James "Jim" (Tasha) Robertson and Thomas "Bruce" (Alina) Robertson; two grandchildren, Taylor and Kyle

Robertson as well as sister-in-law, Margaret Bailey of Elmira, Oregon and her family. Dorothy was predeceased by her husband, Grant Robertson on January 14, 2012; parents, James and Nellie Haithwaite; brothers: Jack, Melvin and Bob and sister Eleanor. A Funeral Service was held at Mountain View Funeral Home on Wednesday, December 12, 2012. A Graveside Service was held at Boisvein Cemetery, Manitoba on Saturday, December 15, 2012. To forward condolences, please visit our website: www.mountainviewmemorial.ca. Arrangements entrusted to Mountain View Memorial Gardens, Funeral Home and Crematorium, 1605-100 Street SE, Calgary, AB Tel: (403) 272-5555.

110. In Memoriam 110. In Memoriam

**Nelson - Teddy Ross
December 23, 1992**

Treasured memories never die as years roll on and days pass by. Your loving memory I'll always keep.

Lovingly remembered
by your wife and
best friend Jessie

Raymond Marvin Grue

It is with great sadness we announce the sudden passing of Raymond Marvin Grue of Rockyford. Raymond was born September 13, 1967 at Wetaskiwin, Alberta and died November 4, 2012. Raymond was predeceased by his mother, Mary. Left to mourn his passing:

his 3 sons, Joshua, Benjamin, Elijah, their mother Kerri, his father Marvin, 2 brothers, Robert (Leslie), Richard, 4 sisters, Theresa (Jerry), Patricia, Maureen (Ralph), Christine and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends. As a young child Ray developed a love for the outdoors and carried it into adulthood where he became an avid hunter and fisherman. Ray couldn't think of anything better than a day spent fishing. Ray had a love for adventure and in 1987 spent 3 months in Peru with Canada World Youth. After marriage Ray travelled to Europe and once children arrived, would never think of leaving the kids at home, so trips were made to Mexico with 3 children in tow. Ray had a passion for knowledge, dialogue and conversation and you always felt enlightened after being involved in the latter with him. Ray's life took many twists and turns but in July of 2012 he attended a program called Choices where he started his journey on becoming a "content man". However, tragic circumstances took him too soon, but we will never forget the joy and color that he added to our lives, and he will be missed. "Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres... Love never fails." 1 Corinthians 13. Donations may be made to his family, Joshua, Benjamin and Elijah or the charity of one's choice.

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130. Coming Events 130. Coming Events

St. Anthony's Christmas Eve Mass Dec. 24 8:00pm Didsbury Complex

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Machinist

Duties include creating and repairing parts on various machines in the production process and general shop equipment according to company plans, blueprints, and other diagrams. You will also test and detect equipment malfunctions and adjust machines as required to insure quality of production.

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WANTED

The Didsbury Show and Shine are looking for volunteers who would like to help organize and/or work the annual car show. For more info please call Grant 403-335-9488 or Rick 403-335-9525.

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APARTMENT. 1802 16 St. Didsbury. 50 Plus adult, 1 bedroom. \$550.00/month incl. Utilities. \$400.00 DD. No Smoking. No Pets. Available Dec. 27/12. 403-335-3394

SPACIOUS 3 BEDROOM. 1.5 bath. New floor, new carpet. Available Dec. 1/12 or sooner. \$625.00/month plus utilities. 403-348-6594

5135. Suites For Rent

ONE BEDROOM BASEMENT
Suite, with separate entrance, shared washer, near Didsbury Hospital. Available January, \$750.00 with gas and town utilities included. SD \$750.00. Non-smoker, pets considered. Call Ruth or John 1-877-577-6945 or email: rent@wrightwayinvesting.ca

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Over 1300 sq ft, 3 + 1 bedrooms, 3 baths, heated floor, vaulted ceilings, great kitchen, hardwood, large lot, RV parking, central air

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68 Didsbury Mobile Home Park



Nicely upgraded double wide, newer flooring, paint, cabinets, counter tops and more, wrap around deck, nice sized yard backing onto field

\$39,900

1801 - 17 Street



1300+ sq. ft. maintenance free living, 40+ villa in College Green, 2+1 bdrms, 3 baths, main flr. laundry, recent upgrades, reasonable HOA fees

\$259,900

206 Campus Green



Terrific 45+ suite, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, all appliances, reasonable condo fees, overlooking courtyard, great neighbors

\$184,900

105 Morris Place



4 bdrms, 3 baths, 9' ceilings, open floor plan, slate & hardwood, maple cabinets, granite counters, bsmt. in-floor heat, gas fireplace, west facing deck

\$369,000

790 Stonehaven Dr, Carstairs



Immaculate home inside and out shows like new, 2+1 bdrms, 3 baths, hardwood, fully finished, covered rear deck, underground sprinkler, oversized garage,

\$324,900

Newly Subdivided!



2 acreage parcels close to Didsbury, drilled well and power, nicely located on a ravine, great access to QEII

3.46 Acres \$199,000
2.52 Acres \$189,000

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Great family home, 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, fireplace sunken living room, 22x30 heated garage, great location, well treed yard

\$254,900

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life"
John 8:12



2110 - 23 Avenue



great first time or investor property, excellent location in quiet neighborhood, single detached garage, gardener's delight

\$174,900

1306 - 23 Avenue



45+ unit with no condo fees, hardwood, vaulted ceiling, gas fireplace, open plan, nicely fenced and landscaped, single garage

\$219,900

1602 - 20 Avenue



great starter or investor home, newer kitchen cabinets, appliances, furnace, hot water tank and more! single detached garage, zoned res/commercial so lots of possibilities

\$189,900

1409 - 20 Avenue



40' wide residential/commercial lot, lots of possibilities, great location, good exposure

\$79,000

Unit C, 1322 - 20 Street



Contemporary Condo over 2400 sq ft of living space, 3 levels, open floor plan, high ceilings, 2 balconies, air conditioning, huge walk-in closet in master

\$269,000

1338 - Centre St, Carstairs



Over 1400 sq ft, 3 + 1 bedrooms, 2 baths, fully developed, large deck, fenced yard, big lot, double detached garage

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70 Aloha Mobile Home Park, Olds



Affordable living, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, open plan, huge shed, large rented lot

\$29,700

2 Acres - Mountain View



Only 10 minutes west of Didsbury, drilled well (18 gpm), services to the property line, soil perforation test done for septic field

\$169,900

2029 - 18 Avenue



lots of upgrades inside and out, 1300 sq ft, BP X 120' lot, large south facing deck, large balcony deck off of master bedroom, covered main floor porch

\$229,000

1337 - 25 Street



Family 2 storey, 3 + 1 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, oak kitchen, gas fireplace, double garage, good sized lot with H.V. parking off of lane

\$299,900

39 Meadowview Court



1300 sq ft, 3 bdrms 2 baths on main, self contained basement suite w/ in floor heat, oversized double garage, large pie lot

\$334,900

1912 - 20 Street



Excellent investment, 2592 sq ft building with solid tenant in place, potential to rent some more unused space, on Didsbury's busiest retail block

\$199,000

4, 1706 - 22 Avenue



Sunset Condominiums! 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, laminate floors, private back yard with patio and perennials, 2 parking stalls

\$79,900

13 Valarosa Point



Brand new build ready for a spring possession, best area of Valarosa, 3 bdrms., 2 baths, hardwood, double attached garage

\$314,900 incl. gst

118 Valarosa Drive



Over 1600 sq. ft. beautiful kitchen, walk through pantry, 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, large fenced yard

\$299,900

2141 - 20 Avenue



Excellent location, 3 + 1 bdrms, 1 1/2 baths, laminate floors, wood burning fireplace, lovely yard, double detached garage

\$199,900

1513 - 16 Street



Close to new high school, 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, great covered back deck, small green house, patio and fire pit.

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Mobile to be Moved



16'x70' built in 1986, 3 bedrooms, vaulted ceiling, built-in shelving in sunken living room, ready for quick possession

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